

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28-54 are pending. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 28-54 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Specifically, Claims 28-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for various reasons.

Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action expressed the opinion that the claims are "generally narrative and indefinite" and "appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors." This came as a surprise to the undersigned (a native English speaker), who actually prepared and/or revised the claims prior to filing, and considers himself a reasonably competent writer of English.

Nevertheless, the claims have been amended in an attempt to clarify those matters specifically identified in the Office Action, and similar matters. It is submitted that the claims are now clear and definite.

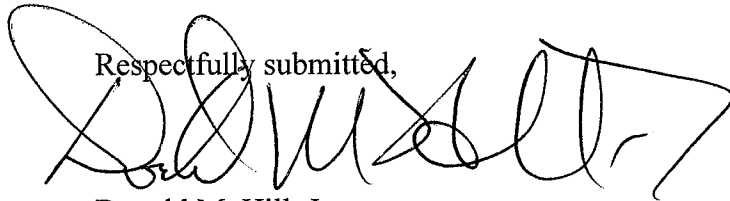
Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Hill, Jr.", written over the typed name.

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